

to enter into bond with approved security, in double the amount of the contract, conditioned for its faithful performance.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 28, sec. 52. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 5.

24. When a contractor shall notify the county commissioners that the bridge is finished, they shall inspect the work, and if in their judgment it has been constructed according to the contract and specification, they shall take the same from the hands of the contractor, and open it for public travel, and then and not before, the contractor shall be entitled to receive the last instalment due thereon.

Ibid. sec. 53. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 6.

25. If, upon petition in writing of any citizen or citizens of any county, to the county commissioners, praying for a bridge to be built or repaired, over any stream or place dividing two adjoining counties, the said county commissioners shall deem the prayer of the petition reasonable, they shall by message in writing, ask the concurrence of the county commissioners of the adjoining county, and upon the concurrence of the last named county commissioners, the county commissioners of each county shall appoint three disinterested and discreet examiners, and each shall notify the other of such appointment.

Co. Comm'rs of Prince George's Co. v. Comm'rs of Laurel, 51 Md. 463.

Ibid. sec. 54. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 6.

26. The said examiners shall, with all convenient dispatch, meet and examine, and determine as to the expediency of building or repairing the bridge, the place where, the plan, material and the relative portion of the cost each of the adjoining counties should pay, and estimate the whole cost, and report their opinion, and all other proceedings, to their respective county commissioners.

Ibid. sec. 55. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 6.

27. If the said report be approved, and a bridge be reported as proper and expedient to be built or repaired, the said several county commissioners shall direct the examiners to advertise for sealed proposals to build or repair such bridge as in their report may be mentioned, stating the place, plan, material and workmanship, with sufficient certainty for the purpose of obtaining proper